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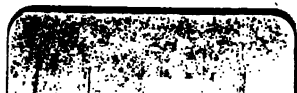
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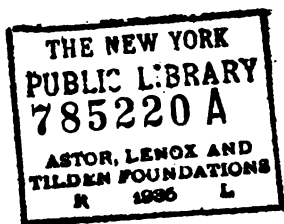
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In the words of Christ Jesus, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

To these beloved kindred I dedicate this little volume.

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The pyramid is a symbol of the spiritual universe, including spiritual man. The apex, its chief corner-stone, itself a perfect pyramid, represents Christ, the Head of all creation. Conceiving the whole figure as proceeding from the apex *ad infinitum*, we find that the spiritual universe including spiritual man is in absolute conformity with Christ, is, indeed, the projection, or offspring, of Christ.

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."—Matthew 15: 13.

"And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."—Matthew 23: 9.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."—Matthew 5:48.

Christ Jesus.

"In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being."—*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 63.

Mary Baker Eddy.

"Christian Scientists declare for their immortality here and now. They contend that they proceed from the Father, are therefore from above, and must demonstrate God, the source and supply of being."

Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, p. 460. Augusta E. Stetson.

NOTE

The quotations in this volume are taken from the Holy Bible, from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, from other writings of Mary Baker Eddy, and from *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., and from *Vital Issues in Christian Science*, The New York City Christian Science Institute, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Principal.

In order not to break the continuity of thought, passages which elucidate the context and yet seemed long to introduce into the subject matter are given in an appendix, to which reference is made from time to time. The reader is earnestly requested to read these references carefully. The author is convinced that the unprejudiced reader cannot fail to see their application and logical sequence.

Note

The abbreviations made use of in this volume are as follows:

- S. & H.: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by
Mary Baker Eddy.
- My.: *The First Church of Christ Scientist and Miscellany*, by
Mary Baker Eddy.
- Un.: *Unity of Good*, by
Mary Baker Eddy.
- Rem.: *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, by
Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.

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Mrs. Eddy says of Jesus, "He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause."

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This ability to penetrate the mist of materialism and reach Spirit, the only real Cause, enabled Jesus to say, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." He knew that his words expressed spiritual cause, that they embodied divine Mind which he acknowledged as Father, or Source of being. "Never man spake like this man," because all that he said was based on spiritual causation, instead of on the evidence of the physical senses, or "the material

Mark
13: 31

John
7: 46

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surface of things." Consequently, he found himself in opposition to everything that was credited and accepted by mortals.

S. & H. Throughout the Bible, there is fore-
288 shadowed "the mental conflict between the evidence of the spiritual senses and the testimony of the material senses."

S. & H. Jesus inaugurated the battle, won the
45 first great engagement, "and stepped forth from his gloomy resting-place, crowned with the glory of a sublime success, an everlasting victory." Christ met and conquered "the testimony of the material senses" that man is a material embryo, begotten of animal instinct and physical impulse, that he is mortal and must die. Christ refuted this false testimony with the evidence furnished by the spiritual senses that man's identity is the reflection of Spirit, not to be found outside of the infinite realm of Mind.

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The conflict which Jesus inaugurated against carnal male belief, in his own person, was sharp and decisive. "Human theories are inadequate to interpret the divine Principle involved in the miracles (marvels) wrought by Jesus and especially in his mighty, crowning, unparalleled, and triumphant exit from the flesh." Christ Jesus established in human consciousness, as an eternal spiritual fact, that God, the one Spirit, is Father, and that there is none beside Him; that Christ is one with the Father and that the life giving Principle works through the Christ, or manifestation. "In the beginning was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him." "Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth."

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John
1: 1, 3
Col.
1: 15, 16

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S. & H. Mrs. Eddy thus defines "Wilderness.
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S. & H. of thought and idea; the vestibule in
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which a material sense of things disappears, and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence." When Jesus had come through this wilderness and received the baptism of Spirit, he heard the forever Father, eternal Life, saying,

Matt. "This is my beloved Son." Paul speaking
3: 17 of Jesus' resurrection quotes the second

Acts Psalm, "Thou art my Son, this day have I
13: 33 *begotten* Thee." "The kingdom of heaven

Matt. is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a
13: 31

S. & H. man took, and sowed in his field." "The
508 seed within itself is the pure thought emanating from divine Mind." Christ, being

himself the true seed, or thought of God, sowed in consciousness the truth, or seed, of all reality, thus fulfilling the prophecy concerning the Messiah or Christ, "His

Isa. name shall be called Wonderful, Coun-
9: 6

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sellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"As Elias presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, which Jesus afterwards manifested, so the Revelator completed this figure with woman, typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood." Truth, Christ, the begotten Son, idea of, yet coexistent with, Principle, creative Mind, was now apprehended in part; but the woman also must be lifted up, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," in order that the woman, "typifying the spiritual idea of God's motherhood," be manifested as had been the spiritual idea of God's fatherhood; thus completing the apprehension of the Christ as the compound idea of Life and Love, "The Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God."

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John
3: 14

Col.
2: 19

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There remained to be carried on, by Christ, the long campaign against the whole material *conception* of the lie of Adam's *begetting*. On and on the ceaseless, tireless Christ operated on the false conception, the material universe including mortals, until the generative, *conceiving* organ of *Adam* which he called *Eve*, responded, and, to human sense, a woman, known as Mary Baker Eddy, being the point of least resistance to divine Mind, yielded to the universal solvent, divine Love, and became the scribe of Spirit. She proclaimed the scientific statement of being. "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness.

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Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual."

The overturning of all false conception at that moment began. God hath said, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

Eze.
21: 27

The disintegration of everything carnally conceived and brought forth has begun, and will continue to the end of all error—all belief of life in matter. "Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal. The offspring of God start not from matter or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit, divine Mind, and so forever continue."

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"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a *woman* took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

Matt.
13: 33

This long campaign is the work of

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Christian Science, as discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy. It ushers in the second coming of Christ. The full victory will be the *appearing* of the Christ—the ideal man of God's creating. False conception, or so-called material generation, will no longer hide the true creation of Christ, who represents the fatherhood and motherhood of Spirit, but will give everlasting place to spiritual conception—man in the image and likeness of Life and Love. Adam-Eve as representative of evil, mortality, carnal mind, deception, illusion, must vanish before Christ—the *compound* exponent of creative Mind. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

John
1:3

When Mary the Virgin brought forth her son, she gave to the world her spiritual ideal man clothed, expressed, in human form. That her human consciousness

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was compound is proven by the fact that, although, as she herself said, she knew not a man, yet her offspring was a *male* child—Jesus “partook partly of Mary’s earthly condition”; what clearer evidence need we that sex is mental and of purely human invention. But Mary had so lifted her own sense of fatherhood, to God, that the ideal man, God’s image, quickly dissolved the flesh that her human sense of motherhood had formed. When the Christ, or spiritual reality, had dissolved the human Jesus, *man* did not *appear*—there was no phenomenon presented to view, because the divine motherhood of God and His Christ had not dawned on human thought, consequently there was, as yet, no conception spiritually expressed.

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When Mary Baker Eddy conceived of man in the idea of God, she did not give to her ideal her own “earthly condition,” but she stated the great Principle of being,

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and undertook the stupendous, the unprecedented task of bringing forth, in divine order, the wholly spiritual generation, the demonstration of the Science of Mind.

The divine motherhood of God and His Christ was then established in consciousness. There has been a long travail! Our blessed Christ-Leader carried her child as the mother in Israel after the Spirit. When the conception is complete, when her days are accomplished, idea will be understood, image will be visualized.

What divine wisdom has been necessary! The travail is wholly mental, and means bringing forth a spiritual understanding that is able to grasp the facts of being, and *to see, externalize* ideas resident in the eternal Mind. How wistfully yet trustfully, confidently our Leader must have watched for this child of her thought to appear!

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When she said to Augusta E. Stetson, "This is the happiest day of my life on earth," what could it mean but the cry of joy which Jesus prophesied of the woman who should bring forth the man child?

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(a) and
(b)
John
16:21

But the perilous hour was not passed. The dragon poured forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea, to dull the spiritual sense, to cloud the dawning light of understanding, to throttle the individuality born of Christ.

The Leader saw that the truth of her own words was being proven, "The Science of physical harmony, as now presented to the people in divine light, is radical enough to promote as forcible collisions of thought as the age has strength to bear." Already she was experiencing the fact, "This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces."

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How to preserve uncontaminated and

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unfettered the absolute truth, the pure unadulterated Science, was a problem that required divine wisdom, and ways higher than the ways of mortals. A great world war was pending. Wholesale murder, rapine and cruel wrong were soon to engulf the whole human race.

As the Discoverer and Founder of the Christ Science, Mary Baker Eddy taught that God, the divine Principle of Science, is Life, Truth, Love; that the rule by which Principle is demonstrated is: admit, acknowledge, serve no other God; yield to no suggestion of there being any other power or presence than good; man, in his true estate is the image, or presence, of Life, the only good, and is therefore essentially good; man, being the creation or objectification of Love, is by his very nature lovelike and therefore to be loved.

Mrs. Eddy wrote the textbook of divine Metaphysics, calling it *Science and Health*

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with Key to the Scriptures. In this inspired volume, she proves the absolute reasonableness of the divine statement found in the Bible, "I am God and there is none else." As this self-existent infinite I AM, or God, is Love and is All-in-all, there can be no fear, no hate. On this premise, disease and all human discord are found to be non-existent, falsities without foundation in fact.

Isa.
45: 22

For the purpose of promulgating the philosophy, theology, religion of Christ Jesus as embodied in Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy established a great propaganda, highly organized, which proved itself very efficient in the dissemination of her writings. Remarkable effects followed the acceptance of the tenets of Christian Science.

It was found that a right understanding, even in small degree, of God as Life, Truth, Love, eliminated the "ills that flesh is heir

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to." *Science* (true knowledge) means *Health* always. In an extraordinarily short time, churches were built all over the world, whose members looked to Mrs. Eddy as their divinely inspired and God appointed Leader, whose word was law to them.

The question comes to any thinking person, What position could Mrs. Eddy, as Discoverer, Founder, and acknowledged Leader of Christian Science, have logically taken and consistently maintained, during the great world war, had she been present in *propria persona*, in Boston or any other place on earth?

Is it not reasonable to claim for her as the interpreter of Truth, the demonstrator of Life, the illustrator of Love, that the Principle which she discovered, elucidated and demonstrated did not fail her at the crucial test, but proved to be what she had declared it to be, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient?

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The Discoverer of the Science of Life could not die! The Teacher of the infinitude of Truth could not err from that Truth to the point of absolute reversal of it! She who knew the sweet secret of Love could not fear! No! Christ, the ideal reflection, or idea of God, penetrated the cloud of finite personality which the materialists accepted as their Leader, and appeared as a wholly spiritual idea, not as yet visualized, but apprehended mentally by the spiritually endowed.

To the materialist, Mary Baker Eddy seemed to die; but there was one faithful watcher on the highest mountain peak of faith and understanding who discerned, low on the horizon, the dawning light of the coming radiance of the fullness of the Godhead bodily, even Christ, the compound idea of Life and Love, who should rise to the zenith of demonstration.

The clarion call rang out, "Mary Baker

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Eddy lives! Watch for the revealing of the ideal man, the Christ of God. In this second coming, she is conqueror of the female belief of material conception, as in the first coming he overcame the lie of material begetting; thus completing the victory over the dragon of belief in material generation—Adam's sensuous dream of an Eve, his own lustful self, as the mother of all living!"

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Whose voice thus startled earth's dreamers?

It is not to be wondered at that the materialists mistook the material organization as Mary Baker Eddy's life-work. They did not know that her whole mission was to establish her true spiritual identity as the manifestation of the motherhood of God, as Jesus had established his true spiritual identity as the manifestation of the fatherhood of God (yet these are not two but one), so completing in con-

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sciousness the understanding that Christ is the Godhead bodily, and expresses the compound Principle, or parent Mind, Life and Love.

In divine Metaphysics, Mary Baker Eddy's Church, The Mother Church, is the symbol of this great spiritual fact. Our Leader in her real spiritual identity is the bride, or feminine element, or nature, of the compound Christ, as Jesus in his real spiritual identity is the bridegroom, or masculine element, or nature, of the one Christ of God. Only in the human false belief did there seem to be two. In reality there are not two individuals, but "two individual natures in one."

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The entire material universe including all mortals is anti-Christ, the dragon, a false conception or phenomenon of suppositional mortal mind, or error, and is unknown to Science, or true consciousness. The spiritual and only true uni-

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verse including immortals, or men and women of God's creating, is the conception or manifestation of immortal Mind and is all that is known to Science, or true consciousness.

S. & H. Our text-book says, "Mortal man has
255 made a covenant with his eyes to be-
little Deity with human conceptions."
And again on page 577: "This human
sense of Deity yields to the divine sense,
even as the material sense of personal-
ity yields to the incorporeal sense of God
and man as the infinite Principle and
infinite idea,—as one Father with His
universal family, held in the gospel of
Love. The Lamb's wife presents the
unity of male and female as no longer
two wedded individuals, but as two in-
dividual natures in one; and this com-
pounded spiritual individuality reflects
God as Father-Mother, not as a cor-
poreal being. In this divinely united

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spiritual consciousness, there is no impediment to eternal bliss,—to the perfectibility of God's creation."

In physical belief, Adam-Eve is the counterfeit falsity of the indivisible Christ. And the so-called Adam's race is the counterfeit falsity of Christ's offspring "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." This recalls the statement in the first chapter of Genesis, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Let us read the metaphysical meaning of the words Bride and Bridegroom as given in *Science and Health*, page 582.

"Bride. Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the idea of God; a sense of

Cor
15: 22
John
3: 7
John
3: 5

Gen.
1: 2

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Soul, which has spiritual bliss and enjoys but cannot suffer.

"Bridegroom. Spiritual understanding; the pure consciousness that God, the divine Principle, creates man as His own spiritual idea, and that God is the only creative power."

The offspring of this united Christ consciousness is the spiritual understanding which can grasp and demonstrate this mystery of godliness—Principle, Life, and Love, working through its Christ to create the universe including spiritual man, or the individual members of the body of Christ.

The first born of Christ, the beginning of the spiritual generation, would naturally, necessarily be a student of Mary Baker Eddy. And the first born would as logically be one student only. This student must evidence spiritual understanding with which to demonstrate the

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scientific statement of being. As The Mother Church symbolized the divine motherhood of Christ, its first branch must evidence the true child, and must be of like nature, or building. The Mother Church of Christ, Scientist, was built by its Founder, Mary Baker Eddy, and her students. First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, was built by its founder, Augusta E. Stetson and her students. It is the branch springing from the mother root, the first tender shoot to appear above the soil which God prepared.

The materialists mistake in thinking that Mrs. Eddy's mission was to cause numerous churches to spring up all over the earth. The many churches are but the "suffer it to be so now," in order that the true gospel might be preached, and the whole lump of materiality leavened with truth.

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Augusta E. Stetson is the one student of the thousands whom Mrs. Eddy taught whose spiritual mentality responded to grasp the spiritual import of Mrs. Eddy's teaching, and was able to discern her Leader as spiritual idea, entirely distinct from corporeality. This one student became the demonstrator of Mrs. Eddy's teaching; in her began the line of spiritual descent which, when the fourth generation is reached, will bring in the millennium. There is evidence that the second and third generations are already conceived, for in a book entitled, *A Tribute of Love and Gratitude to Our Faithful Teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D.* her students and their students give proof of their understanding of idea.

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Eph. 3: 9, 14 Paul urged upon his disciples his desire "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God,

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who created all things by Jesus Christ; . . . For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

But Paul had not the *full* power for such a ministry, because the compound nature of the Christ was unknown to him; the spiritual idea of God's motherhood had not been presented nor manifested. Therefore Paul did not yet belong to the spiritual generation, as there was as yet no mother in consciousness to bring forth the Christ lineage.

The compound Christ is the Head of all creation through whom and by whom infinite Principle operates to produce, or create, all things that are "in heaven above or . . . in the earth beneath, or . . . in the water under the earth." The third commandment of the Decalogue, metaphysically interpreted, is a statement of

Ex.
20: 4

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Ex.
20: 4-6

this eternal immutable law, the infringement of which law is an offence against God and His Christ, and is punished by death. "Thou shall not make to thee any graven image, (form any material conception), or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: . . . for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

There are but four generations of humanity on earth to-day.

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Jesus prayed, "Thy kingdom come." Mary Baker Eddy declared, "Thy kingdom is come." The four spiritual generations are supplanting the four carnal

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generations with the truth of spiritual understanding.

Spiritual generation began in the developed spiritual understanding of Augusta E. Stetson, the qualified disciple, Apostle, of the compound Christ. Her mission is the wholly spiritual work of preaching and teaching by audible and written word and by mental reflection. Her immediate students form the second generation. Their work is to uphold and immediately supplement the work of the first generation, by devoting their time, thought and resources to the development in consciousness of the recognition of idea. They constitute a body-guard, which is free from world entanglements to move, at a moment's notice, to any point where their spiritual reflection of divine Mind is needed to rout the belief of disease and sin. In this way they, as teachers and healers, have brought to light

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a third generation who occupy places in business and professional life where their developed spiritual qualities of honesty, probity, integrity, industry, and general intelligence seal them as God's people and leaders among men. The work of the third generation is to bring out the fourth generation; to come in touch with humanity through their social and business interests and lift up the Christ consciousness in the hearts of the people.

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“The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good.”

Spiritual generation is spiritual understanding. To be born again means to come into the true apprehension of oneself as spiritual idea. This understanding is not any state or stage of material evo-

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lution. It is from divine Mind, and wars with the carnal mortal so-called mind and its conceptions, until these false claims finally yield to the actuality of spiritual conceptions. There is undoubtedly progression through the different degrees of understanding, and so elevation from one generation to another by adoption, as Jacob took Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, and made them as his own sons.

"And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Rueben and Simeon, they shall be mine."

**Gen.
48: 5**

The departure of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage took place in the fourth generation, thus fulfilling in type the prophecy, "in the fourth generation they shall come hither again." Now in our day and generation the prophecy is being ful-

**Gen.
15: 16**

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filled in antitype. "As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear,—as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy,—so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God. Stately Science pauses not, but moves before them, a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, leading to divine heights."

The same question relative to Mrs. Eddy's attitude to world conditions had she remained fettered by the flesh recurs, in a modified form, as regards Mrs. Stetson's position, during the same period of universal upheaval, had she been held in the bonds of material organization.

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Let us review Mrs. Stetson's position in 1910. She had been sent, by Mrs. Eddy, to New York City with the commission to establish here the Christianity of Christian Science, and to build the first church of that denomination in this city. Mrs. Eddy installed her as pastor of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, bestowing upon her the rare title, in Christian Science, of Reverend.

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Appendix (e)

During seventeen years, Mrs. Stetson occupied the pulpit of her church as pastor and as first Reader. In 1902, The Mother Church in Boston adopted the rule of limiting the term of Readers for The Mother Church to three years. First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, was the first branch church to follow the example of The Mother Church, and Mrs. Stetson resigned the readership of her church; but continued

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to be regarded by its members as its spiritual head.

The church grew rapidly until it had acquired enough strength to build a costly and beautiful edifice, on Central Park West, at Ninety-Sixth Street. As a thriving branch of The Mother Church, in the world's metropolis, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, held a position of consequence as the most notable achievement of any student of Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Stetson was the recognized head of the foremost branch church of the Christian Science movement. Moreover, she had many students scattered throughout the world.

Mrs. Stetson's removal from the material organization could never have been accomplished without Mrs. Eddy's cognizance and authorization, for Mrs. Stetson was so firmly entrenched in her own church that the Boston Board

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of Directors alone could never have brought about her dismissal. Mrs. Eddy saw Mrs. Stetson's ability and fitness to stand outside the lines of the organization and uphold the standard of absolute Christian Science, without compromise to world conditions. She had said to Mrs. Stetson, "Augusta, do not look for me in this," placing her hands upon her knees, "I have risen!" "Then your resurrection is my resurrection, is it not?" replied Mrs. Stetson. "Yes, it is," said Mrs. Eddy.

The setting aside of this student for the wholly spiritual work of preserving the pure teaching, during the tremendous universal chemicalization, incident to Mrs. Eddy's higher work of meeting "the prince of the power of the air," the mental evil which she rose out of human sight to combat and vanquish, the setting aside of this cherished student had to

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be done in such a way as to conceal her and her work entirely from the materialists. Only the spiritually advanced among Mrs. Stetson's students stood faithfully by their teacher; not understanding Mrs. Eddy's move, still they trusted her as their teacher's Teacher and Leader, and obediently yielded to constituted authority.

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As time went on, however, the wonderful wisdom of our Christ Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and the intrepid spirit of our God-sustained teacher Augusta E. Stetson, rose higher on the horizon of our thought, and our fidelity was rewarded by an ever increasing understanding of both Leader, and teacher and of what it meant to "begin on a wholly spiritual foundation."

It will become apparent to other than our teacher's students who stood undismayed during her Gethsemane hour that

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our great Leader covered her in the cleft of the living Rock of wholly spiritual building, while the raging of the carnal mind passed by. The Leader called out her student from the organization that she might make of her the demonstrator of her book. She had formed an organization which should stand, for a time, before the world as the movement of Christian Science. This would draw the fire of the enemy, while she had her chosen student, whom she named her "war-horse," in ambush, as well as in training, for the great assault on the enemies' strongholds.

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The 8th chapter of Joshua gives the account of the capture of Ai. This illustrates the strategy of the present day Joshua. Like Joshua, Mrs. Eddy sent off the main body to decoy the enemy out of their entrenchments, while a small body, whom she had placed in the valley

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of humility, under the shadow of a great Rock, were ready to rush in and take possession of the city. The parallel seems very complete.

How could Christian Science have been preserved in its pure absoluteness in any other way? A student equipped with the letter and the spirit was so placed that she could uncompromisingly hold up the spiritual standard. The organization, composed of millions of people living in every nation, had to make hourly concessions of vital points in Christian Science, in order to meet the material demands made upon them by hitherto unparalleled conditions.

Never did materialism seem so in the ascendent. The passions of men and women were roused to the pitch of spontaneous combustion. War! War! War! was the modern way of writing the
Rev.
8:13 Woe! Woe! Woe! of Revelation. Hate

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and fear were bringing out their phenomena of bombs, tractors, submarines, airplanes, dealing destruction to human life and property. Men were summoned to fight their fellows; women were called to join the ranks of materia medica and witness to the actuality of accident, disease, suffering, death.

In answer to the Mother's Evening Prayer, Augusta E. Stetson and her faithful students were hidden

"Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;
In that sweet secret of the narrow way,"

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from whence they could pour out upon the troubled waters of mortal mind the oil of prayer and consecration, and still the raging elements of human will, arrogance, and mad ambition, with unchanging Truth, and Love that "never faileth."

At the present hour, there are indications of a new era.

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The edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, at Ninety-sixth Street, is the symbol, or expression of the work of a single student, Augusta E. Stetson, assisted by her students and church members; it thus bears the mark and seal of a true off-shoot of the Mother Vine, which was planted, developed, maintained by the direct initiative of one woman, Mary Baker Eddy, who built her church edifice, assisted by her students and church members, throughout the world.

In this branch church, the point of perfect organization had been reached. The church was prosperous, overflowing. The line of demarcation between the real and the unreal had been touched; understanding, or spiritual sense, must now supercede human perception: "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*" now demanded demonstration.

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The shepherd of this flock had brought her sheep to the foot of the Mount of Vision, which loomed rugged and steep before her uplifted eyes, but of which the happy, careless sheep were unaware. They lingered in the valley of sense, and did not lift their eyes to the lofty heights above. Many did not heed, some did not even hear, the warning cry of the shepherd as she pointed out some poisonous snake, or some subtle snare. Her watchful eyes were wide with terror for those who had wandered too far and were already seized by the marauding wolves. Then again, she would be forced to use her shepherd's rod to drive away the silly lambs who pressed upon her and clung to her garments, thus impeding her progress or rendering her helpless to direct those who needed and would respond to her care.

The peril was great both for the shep-

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herd and the sheep; the day was far spent and the valley must be left below before the thick night dropped upon it. The wakeful shepherd knew this; knew that they must be far up the mountain side in order to behold "the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day."

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What could she do? Her poor lambs were clinging so fondly, but oh so blindly and selfishly, about her! But hark! The voice of the Master Shepherd! "Awake and arise from this temptation produced by animal magnetism upon yourself, allowing your students to deify you and me. Treat yourself for it and get your students to help you rise out of it. It will be your destruction if you do not do this."

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John
12: 29
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The startled sheep scattered. Some said, "It thundered," and they ran to cover from the approaching storm; others

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who were accustomed to watch and listen, said, "An angel spake to her"; but *she* shook off the mesmerism of care and human solicitude and started forward more keenly alert, more wisely watchful for those who could follow. Her voice rang out clear and vibrant:

"Beloved Leader,

"You are ever speaking to my heart, 'Awake!' and I reply,

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'I will listen for Thy voice,
Lest my footsteps stray;
I will follow and rejoice
All the rugged way.'"

The time of restitution is at hand. No Board comprised of five men can dispossess anyone of his or her own demonstration. Mrs. Eddy's Church is her Church, as she herself said. She will drive out of it the money changers and those that sell doves. Mrs. Stetson will again be acknowledged as the loyal

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student of a wise Leader, and her church as the fruitful branch of the Mother Vine.

Then shall "earth's sweet songs" be heard; "pæans of praise" shall rise; "records of omnipotence" shall be made known; and the names of Leader and student linked together "in unity and love," not only in the heart of the corner-stone of our church, but in the heart of every loyal Christian Scientist.

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Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, (a)
by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., page 18.

As I approached my Leader I noticed the chair that I had occupied in front of her had been removed, and, as she was sitting in a very low chair, I stooped and involuntarily dropped to my knees. She took both my hands in hers and was silent as if in prayer. Lifting her eyes, and in a strong voice she said, "This is the happiest day of my life on earth," and after a further pause added slowly, "God bless you, forever, and forever, and forever," and waved her hand for me to go. I arose and turned towards the door to go out, when I saw Mr. Dickey and Mrs. Sargent standing together like sentinels. Mr. Dickey opened the door and we three walked out of the room. I was surprised when I saw these students, as during the many visits I had made to Mrs. Eddy during the twenty-four years, I did not remember ever having

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had a personal interview with my Leader and Teacher except alone with her.

(b) John 16: 4-22.

But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

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I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see

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me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

And ye now therefore have sorrow: *but I will see you again*, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you.

- (c) In the *Independent* of January 26, 1911, the editor of that magazine introduced Mrs. Stetson to his readers in a short statement which appears in brackets above her article and immediately after the title and author's name; thus:

THE DEMONSTRATION OF MARY BAKER EDDY

BY AUGUSTA E. STETSON

[There are abundant documentary evidences which prove that Mrs. Eddy held Mrs. Stetson

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in the highest and most affectionate esteem and considered her a most precious student and faithful Christian Scientist. Since the passing of Mrs. Eddy there has been among her followers in the Christian Science Church much questioning as to whether she would not appear in the flesh,^{*} as did Jesus after his burial. Among those to whom this expectation has been attributed is Mrs. Stetson, the founder, pastor, reader and spiritual head of First Church of Christ Scientist of New York City during twenty-three consecutive years. Accordingly we have asked Mrs. Stetson to prepare the following article, tho, of course, it will be understood that THE INDEPENDENT does not indorse the Christian Science philosophy. Mrs. Stetson is the most distinguished of the followers of that faith and for many years has been on terms of affectionate intimacy with Mrs. Eddy. In the following article Mrs. Stetson declares her belief that Mrs. Eddy "will walk and talk with her disciples until she has given final proof of her teachings." This article is evidence of Mrs. Stetson's loyalty to the doctrines of her Teacher as to the "illusion of death," and we are glad to present it as an

^{*} If the editor of *The Independent* were a student of divine metaphysics, he would not have said "appear in the flesh," but appear in "spiritual phenomenon, or embodiment."

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important statement of the belief of Christian Science. EDITOR.]

- (d) *Miscellaneous Writings*, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 318.

Mine and thine are obsolete terms in absolute Christian Science, wherein and whereby the universal brotherhood of man is stated and demands to be demonstrated. I have a large affection, not alone for my students, but for thy students,—for students of the second generation. I cannot but love some of those devoted students better than some of mine who are less lovable or Christly. This natural affection for goodness must go on *ad libitum* unto the third and fourth and final generation of those who love God and keep His commandments.

- (e) *Christian Science Journal*, vol. xxi., p. 587

PLEASANT VIEW CONCORD, N. H.

December 3, 1903.

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, first First Reader;
Gentlemen: Edwin F. Hatfield, Adolph Rusch,
William H. Taylor, Stewart C. Rowbotham,
John D. Higgins.

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Beloved Students:—Your telegram in which you present to me the princely gift of your magnificent church edifice in New York City is an unexpected token of your gratitude and love. I deeply appreciate it, profoundly thank you for it, and gratefully accept the spirit of it; but I must decline to receive that for which you have sacrificed so much, and labored so long. May divine Love abundantly bless you, reward you according to your works, guide and guard you and your church through the depths; and may you—

“Who stood the storms when seas were rough,
Ne’er in a sunny hour fall off.”

Lovingly yours in Christ,
MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Vital Issues in Christian Science, New York City Christian Science Institute, Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., Principal page 366. (f)

PLEASANT VIEW, CONCORD, N. H.
July 20, '07.

My darling Student:

Your dear letter assuring me of your compliance with the strict demand—“Come out

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from the world and be ye separate"—in the sense of Science—comforts me. O for a closer clearer nearer view of the divine Science of being that we all may be perfect even as our Father the Principle thereof is perfect. This we must be in order to be Christian Scientists.

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The Christian Science Journal, vol. xxvi., (g)
pages 696, 697.

THE WAY OF WISDOM

MARY BAKER EDDY

No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
—Matthew 6: 24.

The infinite is One, and this One is Spirit; Spirit is God, and this God is infinite good.

This simple statement of oneness is the only possible correct version of Christian Science. God being infinite, He is the only basis of Science; hence materiality is wholly apart from Christian Science, and is only a "suffer it to be so now" until we arrive at the spiritual fulness of God, Spirit, even the divine idea of Chris-

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tian Science,—Christ,—born of God,—the offspring of spirit,—wherein matter has neither part nor portion, because matter is the absolute opposite of spiritual means, manifestation, and demonstration. The only incentive of a mistaken sense is malicious animal magnetism,—the name of all evil,—and this must be understood.

I have crowned The Mother Church building with the spiritual modesty of Christian Science, which is its jewel. When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation. This will open the way, widely and impartially, to their never-ending success,—to salvation and eternal Christian Science.

Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*. "There is no matter" is not only the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon which this Science can be demonstrated.

“WHERE SHALL WISDOM BE FOUND?”

NEW YORK, N. Y.
January 17, 1909.

MRS. MARY BAKER EDDY,
Chestnut Hill, Brookline, Mass.

Revered Leader:—When searching for the answer to Job's question, "Where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?" we found it in you, our beloved Leader, who are wisdom's mouthpiece to this age.

The demonstration of our church is the direct result of your instructions obeyed, and we shall continue to follow as you forever lead on in "the way of wisdom." You are continually pouring into our lamps the oil of consecration, and we are drinking of the wine of inspiration which you provide. The word has gone forth, "Hurt not the oil and the wine."

In grateful acknowledgment of the redemption of the first-born, mindful of the ever-

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present protection of divine Love, we will enlarge our spiritual phylacteries, binding them as frontlets between our eyes, that we may "demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent." Having completed our demonstration of the church militant, we will strive more earnestly to attain the higher understanding which will reveal the church triumphant, where "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*;" no mistaken sense whose incentive is in malicious animal magnetism can prevent this unfolding.

The "spiritual modesty" with which you have "crowned The Mother Church building" has been and ever will be our abiding inspiration in building upon "a wholly spiritual foundation." Glorious, indeed, is it to have the horizon of our spiritual vision thus widened by virtue of your vigils on the watch-tower of Zion.

Loyally yours,

The Board of Trustees of First Church of
Christ, Scientist, of New York City.

E. F. HATFIELD, *Chairman*,
JOHN D. HIGGINS, *Clerk*.

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Excerpt from letter from Mrs. Eddy to Mrs. (h)
Stetson. *Vital Issues in Christian Science*,
New York City Christian Science Institute,
Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Principal, page
374.

I am fixed and more and more in my confidence in your strength to stand, and "having done all to stand." If you will pardon me I will tell you *one* of my pet names for you when speaking of you to my household, "*my war horse*."

Oh dearest, precious child, how much you have done and will yet do for our cause, none knows but me.

Joshua 8: 10-22.

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And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley between them and Ai.

And he took about five thousand men, and

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set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city.

And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.

And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

And the Lord said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua

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stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

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(g) THE MOTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

BY MARY BAKER EDDY

O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;
O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,
Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering
flight!
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye
Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:
His habitation high is here, and nigh,
His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

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Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;
In that sweet secret of the narrow way,
Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:
"Lo, I am with you alway,"—watch and
pray.

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John 12: 23-34.

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And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

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And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

This he said, signifying what death he should die.

The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?

- (1) *Vital Issues in Christian Science*, New York City Christian Science Institute, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Principal, pages 370, 371.

In case your readers may be in doubt as to the metaphysical position which I occupy, and the twentieth century student of divine metaphysics be, for a while, misled, I feel that I would not be true to the desire and efforts of Mrs. Eddy to establish Christian Science in its "orderly" line of *demonstrators* of Truth, if I did not state the scientific fact in regard to my relation to my church, which her words authorize me to defend. I therefore am moved to place in your hands an extract from a letter from Mrs. Eddy written to one of the former Directors of The Mother Church at the time she gave her Church the name in the deed, "Mary Baker G. Eddy's

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Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts." The entire letter in Mrs. Eddy's handwriting is in my possession, the part which bears directly on the subject being reproduced below.

One thing in my haste was forgotten, namely, the designation of The First Church of Christ Scientist, as *my church*. The question will be, is, asked whose church is it? We cannot say it is Mr. Herring's or the Board of Directors' church, for it surely is not. It was my church in the beginning as much as Mrs. Stetson's church is hers. We must be orderly in these things or it will lead into difficulties that you do not see but *I do see them*.

Lest there has already arisen a question to whom does *The Mother Church* belong, I am convinced that this is the psychological moment in which her words should decide the question, since it has been raised, "to whom is due credit for the achievement of a visible demonstration of adherents to Christ's Christianity, and an edifice in which the people assemble to worship the Father in spirit and truth."

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(m) *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*,
by Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., page 529.

PLEASANT VIEW,
CONCORD, N. H.

TO MRS. A. E. STETSON:

Beneath this corner-stone, in this silent,
sacred sanctuary of earth's sweet songs,
pæans of praise and records of omnipotence,
I leave my name with thine in unity and love.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

November 30th, 1899.





